

"Express Mail" mailing label number EL541613148US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Kischkel et al.  
I.A. Number : PCT/EP99/09739  
I.A. Filing Date: December 10, 1999  
Priority Date : December 19, 1998  
Title : TENSIDE GRANULATES

Grp./A.U. : Unknown  
Examiner : Unknown

Docket No. : H 3815 PCT/US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, DC 20231

ATTN: DO/EO/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, delete "Field of the Invention", and insert

A, --Background of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 7, delete "Prior Art".

Enter a new page 20, submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-9, without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims.

10. A surfactant composition comprising:

(a) from about 75 to 97% by weight of a fatty alcohol sulfate; and

(b) from about 3 to 25% by weight of an olefin sulfonate, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition, and wherein the composition is in granular form.